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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated August 18, 2003, for corresponding European Application No. EP 01 30 2983, to the Examiner's attention:

International Publication No. WO 00/69140, which was published on November 16, 2000;
European Patent Application No. EP 0 944 003, which was published on September 22, 1999; and

FROMME et al., "A Conference Control Management System for the Internet: Confman 2.0", Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, vol. 30, no. 16-18, September 30, 1998, pages 1457-1465.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

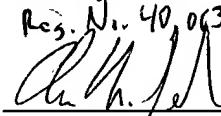
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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